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Sent: 8/23/2018 1:06:56 PM
To: McGill, Thomas [McGill.Thomas@epa.gov]; Bragan, Mary Jo [Bragan.Maryjo@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: desk statement: 404 assumption

Hi Tom,

This request is based on an ask from Mary Walker that we begin work on the desk statement. We know that it is going to be submitted, so started work on the draft will simplify the approval process.

Thanks,
Dawn

From: McGill, Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:39 PM
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Subject: desk statement: 404 assumption

Dawn – I spoke with Jeaneanne, and she emphasized with all of the various moving pieces a parts on 404 assumption, it is not critical that we have a desk statement on 404 assumption until FDEP has submitted their package, which will not occur prior to Sep 1. In the meantime, here is some basic information regarding where we are at this time.

The Clean Water Act section 404 authorizes the Corps of Engineers to administer the permitting program for the discharges of dredge or fill material. The Clean Water Act also provides States and Tribes the ability to assume the authority to administer this permitting program, subject to the approval by the EPA. For any State or Tribe that is interested in exploring or pursuing assumption of the 404 program, the EPA will prioritize giving technical support to such States or Tribes to develop a program consistent with federal requirements. The State of Florida has notified the EPA of their interest in pursuing 404 assumption, and accordingly EPA has been answering questions and providing information to assist the State with developing a program to be consistent with federal requirements. Upon receipt of an official submission from Florida requesting assumption of the 404 program, the EPA will review and take action on such a submission consistent with the Clean Water Act and its implementing regulations.

From: Harris-Young, Dawn
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Subject: Examples - Desk statements

Attached.

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